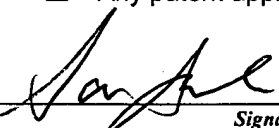



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Greetings:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, applicant elects, without traverse, the claims identified by the examiner as Group III, i.e., claims 44 - 57. The remaining claims are cancelled without prejudice and new claims 61 - 72 are added as follows.